

What is claimed is:

1. A process for producing an activated carbon, comprising the step of:

adsorbing an organic compound onto an activated carbon comprising pores which exhibit a wide pore diameter distribution, thereby selectively closing smaller pores which have a small pore diameter.

2. The process set forth in claim 1, wherein the organic compound is adsorbed onto the activated carbon in a heated state.

3. The process set forth in claim 1, wherein the activated carbon is heated after the organic compound is adsorbed onto the activated carbon, thereby selectively leaving the organic compound only in the pores whose pore diameter falls in a predetermined range.

4. The process set forth in claim 2 further comprising a step of cooling the activated carbon with the organic compound adsorbed in an inert gas atmosphere.

5. The process set forth in claim 3 further comprising a step of cooling the activated carbon with the organic compound adsorbed in an inert gas atmosphere.

6. The process set forth in claim 1 being a process for producing an activated carbon for canisters.